

**Amend Article XI, Sections 1 and 4, of the California Constitution to provide term limits for county assessors.**

**Source: Honorable Dean Andal**

Under existing law, there is no limit on the number of times a person may be elected to the office of county assessor. This proposal would place a constitutional amendment before the voters of California to limit the terms of office of a county assessor to two 4-year terms.

Article XI of the California Constitution is amended to read:

SEC. 1. (a) The State is divided into counties which are legal subdivisions of the State. The Legislature shall prescribe uniform procedure for county formation, consolidation, and boundary change. Formation or consolidation requires approval by a majority of electors voting on the question in each affected county. A boundary change requires approval by the governing body of each affected county. No county seat shall be removed unless two-thirds of the qualified electors of the county, voting on the proposition at a general election, shall vote in favor of ~~such~~ that removal. A proposition of removal ~~shall~~ may not be submitted in the same county more than once in four years.

(b) The Legislature shall provide for county powers, an elected county sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, and an elected governing body in each county. The assessor shall be elected for four-year terms and may serve no more than two terms. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 4 of this article, each governing body shall prescribe by ordinance the compensation of its members, but the ordinance prescribing ~~such~~ that compensation shall be subject to referendum. The Legislature or the governing body may provide for other officers whose compensation shall be prescribed by the governing body. The Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body shall provide for the number, compensation, tenure, and appointment of employees.

SEC. 4. County charters shall provide for:

(a) A governing body of 5 or more members, elected (1) by district or, (2) at large, or (3) at large, with a requirement that they reside in a district. Charter counties are subject to statutes that relate to apportioning population of governing body districts.

(b) The compensation, terms, and removal of members of the governing body. If a county charter provides for the Legislature to prescribe the salary of the governing body, such compensation shall be prescribed by the governing body by ordinance.

(c) An elected sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, other officers, their election or appointment, compensation, terms and removal. However, in the case of the assessor, the elected assessor shall be elected for 4-year terms. The assessor may serve no more than 2 terms.

(d) The performance of functions required by statute.

(e) The powers and duties of governing bodies and all other county officers, and for consolidation and segregation of county officers, and for the manner of filling all vacancies occurring therein.

(f) The fixing and regulation by governing bodies, by ordinance, of the appointment and number of assistants, deputies, clerks, attaches, and other persons to be employed, and for the prescribing and regulating by ~~such~~ the governing bodies of the powers, duties, qualifications, and compensation of ~~such~~ those persons, the times at which, and terms for which they shall be appointed, and the manner of their appointment and removal.

(g) Whenever any county has framed and adopted a charter, ~~and the same shall have been approved by the Legislature as herein provided,~~ the general laws adopted by the Legislature in pursuance of Section 1 (b) of this article, shall, as to such county, be superseded by ~~said~~ the charter as to matters for which, under this section it is competent to make provision in ~~such~~ that charter, and for which provision is made therein, except as herein otherwise expressly provided.

(h) Charter counties shall have all the powers that are provided by this Constitution or by statute for counties.